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Janata Lacks Cohesion And Discipline

THE choice of Mr. N. Sanjiva Reddy, the Speaker, as the Presidential candidate by the Janata leaders is a rebuff to Prime Minister Morarji Desai.

In private, the leaders of the former Jan Sangh or the Socialist Party did not bother to hide their anger that Mr. Desai should have chosen Mrs. Rukmini Devi Arundale though for the benefit of the public a party spokesman said that Mrs. Arundale herself was not interested in the presidentship.

The bungling over the selection of the presidential candidate is not merely a matter of the party's style of functioning. Nor can it be attributed to teething-troubles. The argument that acute differences among the former constituents are inevitable and it will take time to achieve cohesion within the party ranks rings increasingly hollow.

The plain fact is that the Janata Party consists of four factions, each fiercely determined to gain positions of vantage and power, and in this struggle no norms have been observed.

ELECTORAL ALLIANCES

Let us consider the party's policy regarding electoral alliances. In Tamil Nadu, the ADMK was prepared for an adjustment of seats with the Janata, but the local satrap, Mr. P. Ramachandran, for reasons best known to himself, ruled out an understanding with any other political party.

In West Bengal, Mr. P.C. Sen and Mr. Bejoy Singh Nahar may not have acted at the instance of the Birlas and the Jalans as had been alleged by Mr. Madhu Limaye, but the CPM's extremely generous offer of 148 was summarily rejected. The result was that the ADMK and the CPM gained an absolute majority of seats on their own and the Janata was ignominiously routed in both the States.

Mr. Sen wanted the CPM not to be alloted more than 90 seats, because his aim was to reduce the influence of the CPM in the legislature. In the end, it is the Janata that is bereft of influence and is in danger of disintegration. No wonder Mr. George Fernandes accused Mr. Sen and his colleagues of suffering from "arrogance of power."

In Kashmir, the Janata Party's tactics were even more inexplicable. The National Conference led by Sheikh Abdullah was not averse to an understanding with the Janata, but this offer was peremptorily rejected. In Jammu, the former Jan Sangh, which absorbed the Praja Parishad cadres, has some following while other constituents have no following at all.

The Praja Parishad and later the Jan Sangh had in the past bitterly assailed Kashmir's special status under Article 370 of the Constitution and while the local Janata leaders were persuaded to be silent on this issue during the election campaign in the Valley, the party sought the support of the Mir Waiz, Maulvi Farooq and his Awami Action Committee which had always been unabashedly pro-Pakistan.

A more grotesque political stance cannot be imagined. Mr. Morarji Desai, Mr. Charan Singh and Mr. Jagjivan Ram visited the Valley and while they did not

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Time Caspule—Of Yesterday, Today And Tomorrow

HISTORY is bunk, said Henry Ford long time ago. Last week, my learned friend, Dr. Pratap Chandra Chunder, the Janata Education Minister, told Parliament: "History will take care of itself."

As an earnest scholar of History, Pratap Babu is absolutely right. History can take care of itself, whether the Congress is in power or the Janata; whether Peter the Great was in power or Josef Stalin; the Mandarins or Mao; Julius Nyerere or Idi Amin; Abraham Lincoln or Richard Nixon; and so on.

Philosophically speaking, therefore, I am not in the least excited over the Time Capsule that Indira Gandhi and her courtiers buried deep in the Red Fort. It is *their* version of History as they would like the posterity to know.

And so why disturb poor capsule and disinter it? The Education Minister himself has said that this excavation would cost a pretty penny. Instead, let us bury more capsules, one with every new raj.

We can certainly push through an Amendment of the Constitution, laying down that any raj which lasts for more than, say, five years, shall be entitled to embed a capsule in the sacred soil of Bharat that is India. I am sure such a Constitutional Amendment would have a smooth passage through Parliament: the Janata majority in Lok Sabha will be excited about its prospective right to write its own version of our History in the next five years, while the Congress majority in Rajya Sabha will surely support the Amendment since it will ensure the security of the Indira capsule, already buried.

Going back into the distant past, we find many rulers had tried to write their own history and to see that this was preserved. The Pharaohs used to bury with themselves their entire retinue, all decked in their gorgeous attire. Asoka—I mean the Emperor, and not Mehta, the last Congress O President—set up pillars and chose rocks on which to scribble his own edicts and that way hoped to immortalise himself. The Mughals built mausoleums for their corpses.

We are now technologically advanced, and so, the Indira Court, unlike that of the Mauryas and the Moghuls, thought of the Time Capsule. It is a measure of our development—the most developed among the developing nations.

Since this proposal of a new capsule with every new raj will mean a continuing institution—like our Supreme Court, the Rajya Sabha or the Election Commission—the Government should set up a cell, a Project Capsule Cell. It will involve several Ministries and, therefore, should be under the Cabinet Secretariat: the ONGC will help in the drilling with its derricks. For the time being, let it be an on-shore job, and not off-shore—at least until the Law of the Seas is codified, otherwise we may land ourselves in a dispute out in the sea about the site for our capsule with our littoral neighbours.

Then, the Ministry of Defence should be consulted to ensure the security of the valuable capsule. The Education Ministry should make the draft; or perhaps our present Home Minister may think that the writing of our history should be the job of our CRP or IB

Finally, the Agriculture Ministry should be brought into the picture, because with the Janata's commitment to rural bias, our future capsules should be buried in our wide countryside. Since ours is a mixed economy, the question whether the capsule should be manufactured in private or public sector, is of utmost importance; Biju Patnaik or H. M. Patel would like to entrust this national project with the private sector, but then Chandra Shekhar may demur. May be, the matter would be referred, in that case, to JP.

Let the Prime Minister call the Opposition leaders and I am sure a national consensus will be evolved over this very urgent matter of national importance, namely, the Time Capsule—of yesterday, today and tomorrow. Amen.

—*Scribbler in Mainstream.*

THUS SPAKE THE MAHATMA

Starvation is often necessary in order to keep the body in health, but there is no such thing as prayer-starvation.

ASOKA SCENTED BETEL NUT POWDER

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SUNDAY July 17, 1977

STUDENT UNREST

Since the beginning of the new academic year in June there are reports flowing from all parts of the country of student unrest. In many Universities, Colleges and schools students have abstained from classes for one reason or the other. And some of the institutions have closed. Appeals from all quarters to students not to indulge in strikes and settle their grievances through negotiations is of no avail.

It is doubtful whether the unrest among college students can be removed by appeals and exhortations. It is often because the negotiations have failed that the students go on strike. It must be borne in mind that the grievances vary from college to college, and that not all managements are sympathetic or perceptive.

For example, the students of one of the colleges in Tamilnadu now closed object to what they consider excessive tuition fees. The students of another are aggrieved because, it is reported, some of them have not been allowed to stay in the hostel.

It might appear that the difficulties could be resolved by local negotiations without the university or the Government have to intervene. But this implies an outlook of broad sagacity and concern for national values on the part of managements and students.

Under these circumstances the Government should intervene to settle disputes between managements and students. It should do so not merely by appeals, but purposively. It should not act in partisan manner, but ensure that a settlement is found.

THE INDIAN SCENE

Black Magic Leads To Murder

The sordid drama of tangled desire resulting in murder has come to light in Mahboobnagar district recently.

Forty five year old Thimmanna, a widower of Mudmal village who went wife-hunting for his son Ramamurthy found himself pleading for the hand of the prospective bride. But the relatives would not have it and the girl was married to the son.

The drama began with the widower practicing black magic on those who thwarted his plans to marry the girl. The son too was not spared in this by the frustrated father.

To put an end to the miseries murder came as an easy solution to the son. He allegedly hired a friend for Rs. 250 to do away his father.

Thimmanna was allegedly stabbed to death near a toddy grove about two kms from Mudmal village on June 17. The body was discovered three days later.

A hunt was on for Ramamurthy and his friend. Ramamurthy worked as a porter in Dadar railway station and his friend Robique was from Bombay.

When Ramamurthy came down to see his ailing brother in-law in Mahboobnagar, the police got scent of it and nabbed him at the Krishna Railway station. The blood stained clothes and knives were stated to have been recovered at his instance.

To trace the other accused the assistance of the Maharashtra police has been sought.

—Deccan Chronicel

For French Festival

AT the invitation of the government of France the Government of India has nominated Mrs Komala Varadan, President of the Karnataka Sangeet Natak Akademi, to participate in the festival of Avignon in France. The programme of the festival includes dance, drama, music, mimes and comics.

—Times of India

Bureaucratic Bungling

A Bangalore resident received are money order for Rs. 10,000 mcently He took it with fixed feelings. It was not a windfall, but the earnings of his lifetime—well-saved provident fund amount—but with a sizable minus.

The payee, whose P. F. dues amounted to a little over Rs. 10,000, was taken by surprise when he had to sign 10 money-orders of Rs 1,000 each from the Regional P. F. Commissioner, Bombay, 'in full and final settlement of his claims.'

What startled him even more was the fact that the MO Commission of Rs. 250 was deducted from his dues. He was wondering why he had to pay so heavily for the indiscretion of the P.F. office, which could have sent him the amount through a crossed cheque by registered post.

Even if the remittance was effected through a demand draft on the payee's name, it would have cost him only Rs. 20.

—Deccan Herald

A Cat In The House

A feline intruder interrupted the Andhra Pradesh Assembly proceedings for a few minutes on July 8.

During a serious discussion on the need to persuade the Central Government to scrap MISA, Janata member Vijayasikhamani rose to bring to the notice of the Chair the irksome presence of a cat in the House.

Quick on the uptake, Mr. Vijayasikhamani said: "Poor cat: It is scouting the House for food."

It certainly sounded like a dig at the Government and Chief Minister J. Vengal Rao would not take it lying down.

Looking at Mr. Vijayasikhamani, a former Congressman, the Chief Minister observed that a new convert always tried to beat others hallow in his enthusiasm for the new faith.

Obviously disturbed by the political sarcasm its intrusion triggared, the cat disappeared—and the debate on MISA continued.

—DECCAN CHRONICLE

Lawyer, Pick-Pocket Client Held

A lawyer and his pick-pocket client were arrested by the Hazratganj police in Lucknow on July 7 while they were allegedly trying to encash a cheque picked from the pocket of a retired jail superintendent of Lucknow.

According to the police, the pickpocket contacted his counsel with the cheque and succeeded in persuading him to confirm his identity in the Bank.

Prior information by the victim of the nimble fingered fraternity to the police landed both of them in the hands of the police.

—Samachar report in TOI.

Banking Laddus

THE Andhra Bank Limited has started selling prasadams like laddu and vadai at Tirupathi temple without claiming remuneration or commission on sales.

The Bank has opened a counter in the temple manned by its own staff. The counter functions from the opening of the temple doors to closing throughout the week, including Sundays and public holidays.

The temple authorities supply laddu, vadai and sugar candy prasadams on proper invoice to bank every morning depending upon the availability of stock at the counter. Temple authorities fix the cost of items supplied. On the first of every month the bank furnishes a statement showing the stock received, sold and the amount remitted during the previous month. This arrangement will eliminate middlemen exploiting pilgrims.

Record Delivery

LIONESS Radha has become mother again. She have birth to five cubs—two male and three female—at the Jijamata Udyan in Bombay, the zoo authorities reported.

This is Radha's fourth delivery in captivity. The lioness with her mate, Gopi was brought to the zoo in 1972. She gave birth to three cubs in 1973, and in 1974 she became a mother of four cubs. She repeated the feat with three more in 1975.

The zoo authorities said with some pride that the present delivery of five cubs was "the highest recorded by any lioness in the city zoo".

—Times of India

Industrial Therapy Centre Gives Mental Patients

A NEW LIFE

By Dr. H. PETER FERNANDEZ
Director, Industrial Therapy Centre.

Mental illness has been in existence from time immemorial. This was considered as a disease due to the curse of God or due to the possession of devils and similar beliefs for many centuries.

It is only around the 18th and 19th centuries that the science of psychology developed followed by the revelation of psychiatric illnesses being caused by psychological and genetic factors. In spite of great advances in the field of psychiatry the outcome of treatment of mentally ill person is far from satisfactory.

In our country with the majority of the population living in the suburbs rich with superstitious ideas and false religious beliefs, the mentally ill patients are unnecessarily exposed to various forms of religious treatment driving them to even worse states before any scientific treatment is rendered. Consequently we are left with a large number of chronic mental patients in the hospital and outside uncared for by the society again because of the stigma attached to mental illness in our country.

As psychiatrists we are aware that although they are suffering from mental illness they are yet capable of being rehabilitated using their reserve capacity.

CAN DO SKILLED WORK

A rehabilitation centre was started in the year 1970 in Government Mental Hospital, Madras, with the help of a small cash donation from a well wisher.

Initially just five patitents were taken up to manufacture kraft paper bags for supplies to stores. Gradually production was increased to meet heavier demands from large cooperative stores and vibhuthi covers for temples. Over a period of seven years the strength was increased to about 150 patients both inpatients and outpatients manufacturing various types of articles such as nylon bags, coir bags, handloom towels, garments, soft toys and wood work.

In the year 1975 a washing soap manufacturing unit was started which was later semimechanised with the kind courtesy of Round Table Madras Number 30 and this high quality soap is now made available for the public through cooperative stores in the brand of Industrial Therapy Centre soap.

The training imparted to the patients is such that the Centre is now in a position to undertake contract work from other industries in repetitive kind of jobs such as repacking articles - one such contract work now is for a paint company repacking of oxide powders on a large scale.

This unit demonstrates that mentally ill patients are still capable of doing skilled work such as accurate weighment and neat packing.

AIM OF CENTRE

Recently a bakery unit run on the most hygienic manner manufacturing bread, biscuits and cakes is added to provide excellent bread for supply to hospitals.

The Industrial Therapy Centre aims at :

1) Tapping latent talents and interests in the mentally ill,

2) Imparting disciplined vocational training under sheltered condition.

3) Channelising the pre-occupied mind to the performance of useful work.

4) Developing a certain degree of self-confidence and satisfaction through their economic independence

5) Establishing a link between the patient and the society.

> **Today the physically handicapped are cared by many but the mentally handicapped remain in the dark. The present attitude towards mental patients must be changed and they should be considered as important as the physically handicapped and provide ample opportunities to find a meaningful life for themselves. Industrial Therapy Centre at Government Mental Hospital, Madras, is engaged in this Herculean task of rehabilitating such people.**

There are some interesting features about our patients which I thought is worth mentioning.

There are about 1,700 inpatients and probably more in the out-patients belonging to the category of chronic mental patients who are incapable of looking after themselves and at the same time partly disowned by his or her own people. Society is not awaken to the fact that these unfortunate brethren have an equal right to share and live with us. This centre thus enlightens through the useful contribution they are making that they deserve support from all angles and all sectors of society in rehabilitating them. There are various categories of patients, highly educated and illiterates, who cannot be treated alike. So they are categorised in order to impart training and selecting suitable jobs for them.

PROLONGED TRAINING

The training is usually of a prolonged nature because of the distractability in them. But, once they are trained they continue to work at a fairly normal pace thus adding to the productivity. There stability and improvement is further supplemented by other therapeutic techniques such as psychotherapy, group therapy, recreational therapy and family therapy. No individual is considered as a machine just to produce somethig. We respect once feelings, try to understand them and assist them to live happily.

In spite of all our efforts to evince interest in them we have been disappointed many times to find that nothing motivates certain patients who have found to suffer from what is known as "social breakdown syndrome." These are people who have well settled in the hospital environment, content with the lethargic life which is a part of the illness and would prefer this environment for a home of their own which demands invoivement and responsibility.

HAPPY REUNION

With much Herculean task we were still hopeful of making success by applying various techniques evolved out of knowledge and experience in psychia-

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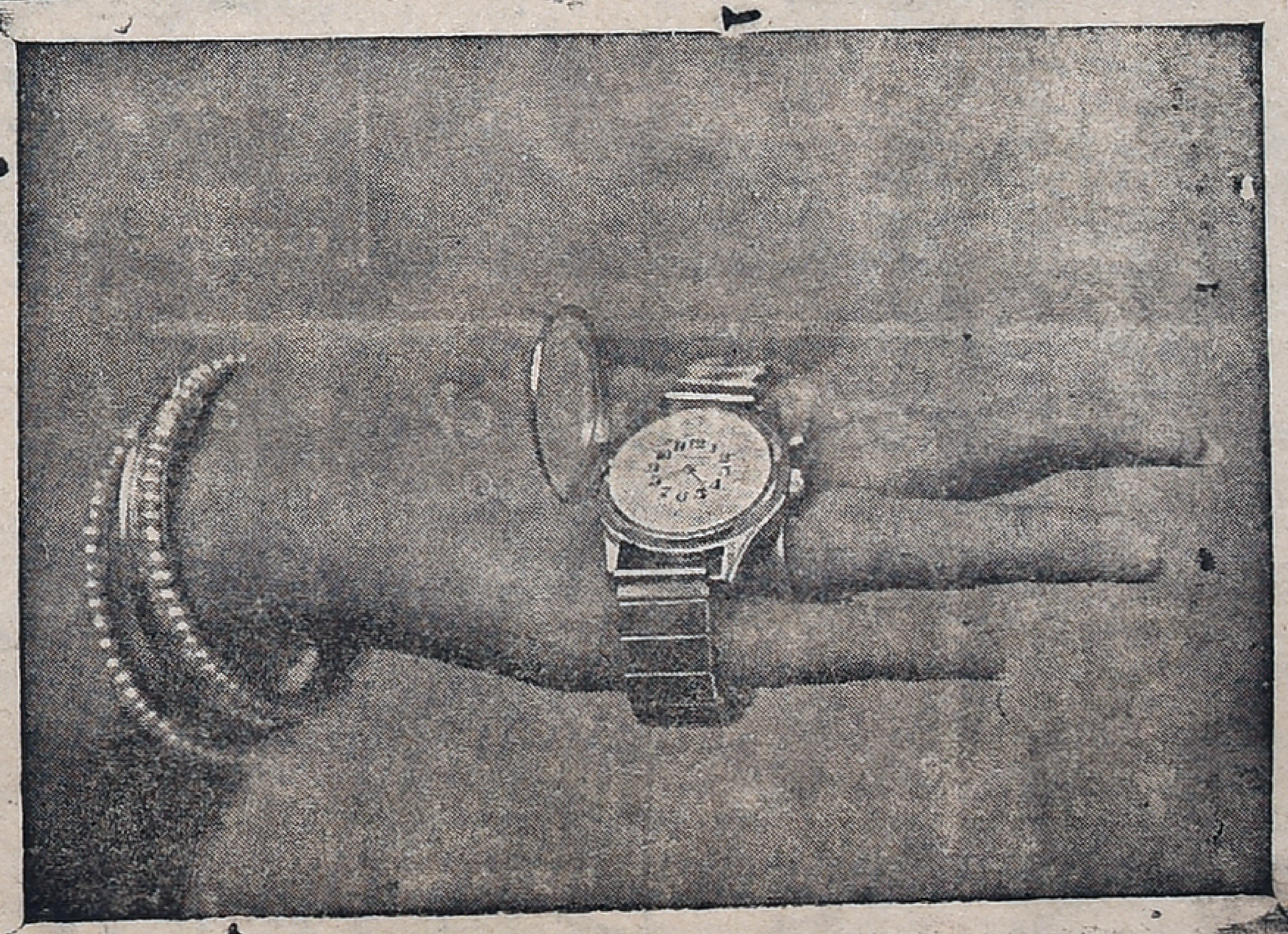
BRAILLE WRIST WATCHES



For the first time in the country, Braille wrist watches are manufactured by HMT, Bangalore. After Japan, India is the only country in Asia which will be producing Braille watches. Earlier these watches were being imported and the blind had to face considerable difficulty in procuring import licences and getting foreign exchange. These watches which are the same size as ordinary watches, have a system of braille dots and a press button for opening the lid of the watch. A blind person can feel the dots and tell the time. The first batch of 1000 braille watches will be ready for sale shortly. The price of the watch will be about Rs. 160/-.

FUN AND LAUGHTER

KEPT HIS WORD !

A travelling salesman, caught in a torrential rainstorm, stopped overnight at a farmhouse. In the morning, he looked out on a flood coursing through the front yard. He watched pieces of fence, chicken coops, branches, and an old straw hat floating past with the current. Then he saw the straw hat comeback, up stream past the house ! Then he saw the hat go down again.

Finally the salesman called the farmer's daughter. "Oh", she said, after a glance out of the window, "that must be grandpa. He said yesterday that in spite of hell or high water he was going to mow the yard today."

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CLEVER HUBBY !

Old Tom had a good week and thought he would buy his wife a gift, so he picked up the table, carried it out of the house, put it on his head, and trotted down the road with it.

Old Bill Brown met him.

"Allo Tom, are you moving?"

"No, it's the missus She says whenever I buy her anything it never fits."

"But why are you carrying the table?"

"I am going to the store to buy her a table cloth."

FISHY TALE !

A man on a hot July day is walking down a country road, and it seems that ahead of him a truck dropped a package in its rush, so this man sees nobody around, and he opens the package, and it's lot of fish. He says, gee, fish—but you can't take a lost package. You ain't allowed to take it. I'll go down and find a policeman or something'. So he walked thirty miles in the hot sun with his package of fish, till he could get a policeman. And he comes to a policeman, and he says, I found this package of fish on the road, and I didn't want to take it because there's the law, you know—so, I—I came to you for your advice. What shall I do with it ?

The cop said, keep it for thirty days, and if nobody claims it—it's yours !

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JUST IT

"What's the charge against this man ?"

"Drink and disorderly," reported of the cop. "He was fighting with a cab driver."

"Bring in the cab driver," ordered the judge.

"That's just it' your honour, there was no cab driver !"

ANNOYING CHILD

Little Oscar Fotzengoggle was out with his mother and his little sister Phoebe. They were on the train going out to their home town. About half way out, Oscar says, "Mama, mama, what was the name of that station we passed back there ?"

"Just a minute, don't annoy me. I'm reading Forever Amber again."

"But don't you know the name of the station ?" asked Oscar.

"No, I don't," she says.

"You're going to be sorry," he says, "because little Phoebe fell off the train there."

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PLAIN SPEAKING

The bus was getting more crowded with each stop The driver had vainly urged the people move back in the bus. Finally, he stopped. He turned to those nearest him, and asked: "Do you think I look like Clark Gable ?"

"No," came the prompt reply.

"Like Van Johnson or Robert Young ?"

"No, you don't".

"Well, folks, I'm just plain Tom Brown, so please quit hanging around my neck, and move back."

It worked.

A PART OF ME !

Rowdyism at high school hockey games caused police to be alert and watchful. A suburban policeman, on guard against possible disturbances, stood at one of the local stadium gates, watching the high school pupils pour in for the game. Every now and then he would tap a youngster, point to a pulging pocket in the youngster's coat, and receive lemon or an orange that probably had been brought along for target practice.

Finally the cop stopped a teenage girl. He pointed.

"What's that ?" he asked

"Just me," the girl said as she strolled on toward the stands.

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ALL ABOUT JOKES

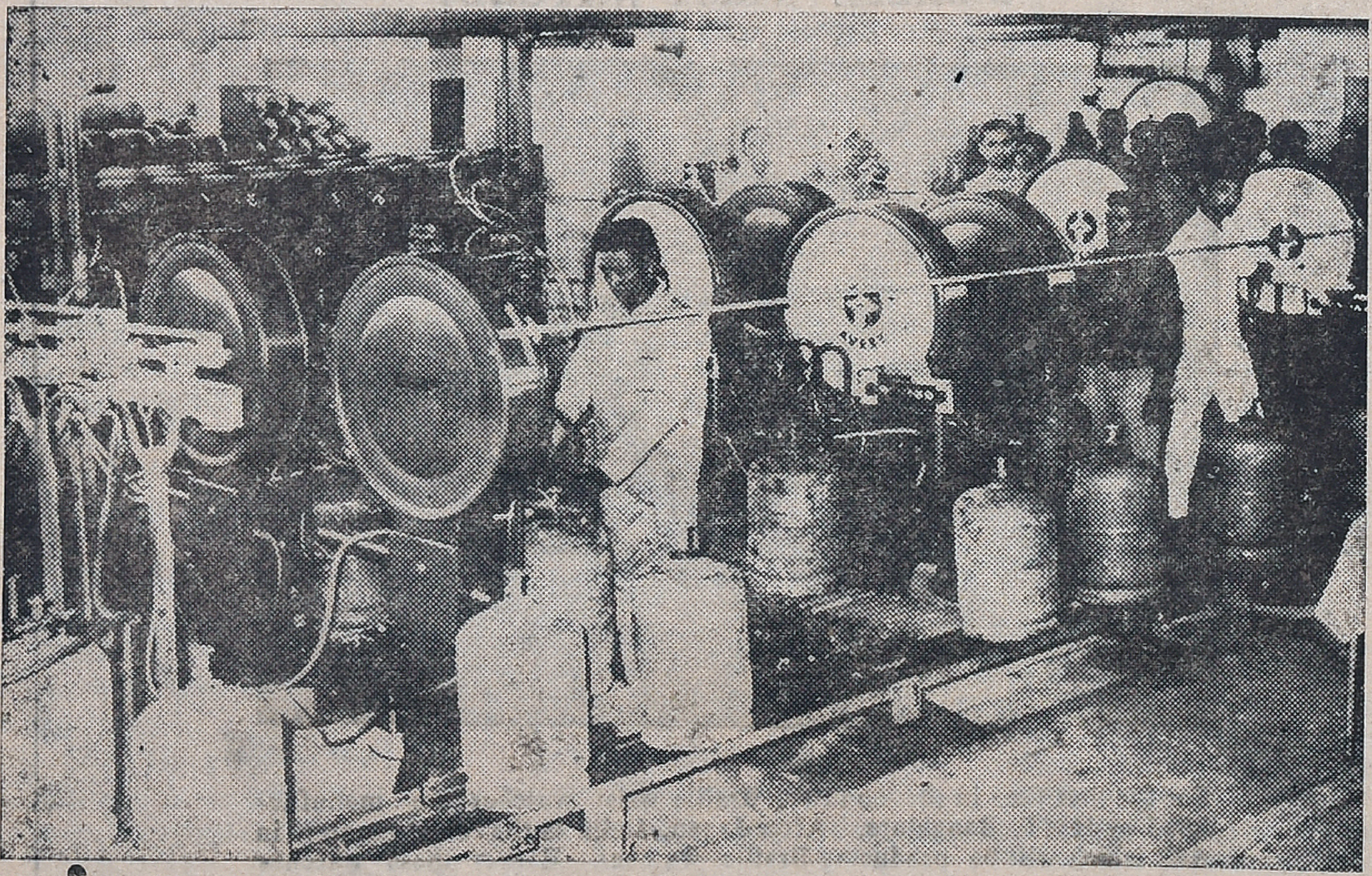
When an Englishman is told a joke he laughs three times ; first, to be police ; second, when the joke is explained ; and third, when he catches on.

When a German is told a joke, he laughs twice ; first, to be polite, and second, when the joke is explained. He doesn't catch on.

When a Frenchman is told a joke, he laughs once, he catches on immediately.

When an American is told a joke, he doesn't laugh at all ; he's heard it before.

GUJARAT REFINERIES



THE Gujarat Refineries in Koyali near Baroda has shown record progress in production. The Refinery has refined 41,65,000 tons of crude this year as against 37,65,000 tons last year. The production of cooking gas has also recorded an increase. It has gone up to 95,400 tons from 89,900 tons. Benzene, a raw material used in the manufacture of Nylon chord, is another of the Refinery's product which has recorded an increase in production. Picture shows work in progress in the cooking gas filling section of the Gujarat Refineries.

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A NEW LIFE

try. Thus after seven long years of battle we are very proud and pleased to see the benefits derived by our patients in becoming self-sufficient to a certain extent through the process of rehabilitation rendered by us. A few of the chronic mental patients who were rejected by their family members have once again rejoined their families because of their usefulness in contributing to the family income as well as the attainment of social adjustment through the constant interaction obtained in our workshop.

Our turn over for the year 1976–77 was well over one lakh of rupees and the profits from the sales of our products are utilised for paying the wages to our clients. We have evolved a wage structure by which every patient whether trainee or an employee will be paid a wage according to his capacity. The grading of our patients is done quarterly to see the progress in their output. We also adopt token-economy system for behaviour modification. Incentives such as outdoor programmes, film shows, excursions and the like of it are also motivating elements. An annual social, reviewing the activies of our centre is held during which function we also present awards to a few workers for good performance and conduct, again to activate our patients. Thus all possible methods are implemented in order to activate and motivate these patients.

You Are A Walking Marvel

DID you know your ears are still growing, even though the other parts of your body have stopped? And that if you lived to be 1,000, your ears would be as large as an elephant's?

The quality of your hearing varies according to the time of day. It is at its worst at lunch-time and at its keenest during the early morning.

You may not have a hairy chest, but your whole body is covered with hairs —more [than 500,000.

The only hairless areas are the palms of your hands and the soles of your feet.

And you may not think the hair on your head is very strong, but it is as strong as aluminium.

A narrow stretch of rope woven from human hair has supported the weight of a small car.

Your skull is as strong as steel, though proportionately it weighs only a fifth as much.

You think you've got nice big blue eyes?

Not so. Blue eyes are really red and only appear to be blue.

COVERED

The iris, the coloured part of the eye, is covered with tiny blood vessels, which, seen through the cornea at the front of the eye look blue (in the same way veins look blue when seen through the skin.)

The fact that you blink several hundred times a day means you spend a considerable amount of your waking life unable to see a thing.

The hardest part of your body is the enamel on your teeth—it is even harder than ivory.

Your hands are probably your most complex instruments, capable of performing thousands of jobs with precision.

Just to grasp something brings into play a host of muscles, joints and tendons—from the shoulders to the finger-tips. Taking a spoonful of soup, for instance, involves more than 30 joints and 50 muscles.

Few people have absolutely healthy feet and you are probably no exception.

During an average day, your feet take a sledge-hommer pounding equivalent to more than 1,000 tons.

They can support the weight of a 14-stone man on a base less than one-third of a square foot in area without fatigue.

CHANGES

This is achieved by an astonishing arrangement of bones and joints—for a quarter of all the bones in your body are in your feet.

Your hair can support the weight of a car. Your skull is as strong as steel. And your feet can stand up to a pounding of more than 1,000 tons a day

The human heart beats about 100,000 times a day and about 40,000,000 times a year.

Normally it beats 70 to the minute, but it often changes its rate to keep pace with music or the rapid beat of drums. It can be made to pulse to almost any rhythm and audomatically picks up the beat set for it.

You may not have noticed it, but you are a little lop-sided. If you could be folded in half longways, your halves would not match perfectly.

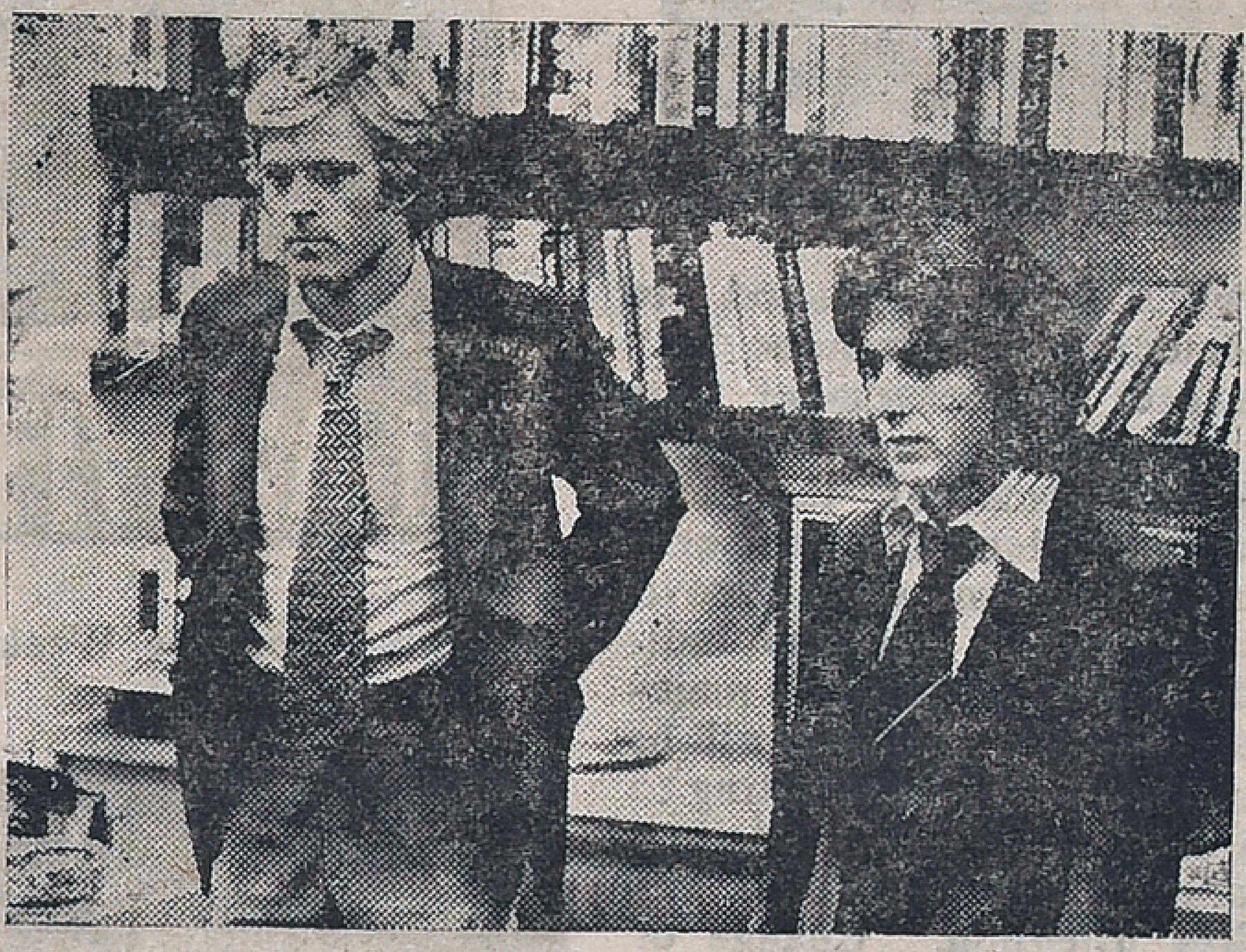
Usually the left leg is a shade shorter than the right. One arm is longer, one ear bigger and there is likely to be more hair on one side of the head than the other.

Your body contains four ounces of sugar, enough chlorine to disinfect two swimming pools, 50 quarts of water, three pounds of calcium and 24 pounds of carbon.

And you have enough phosphorus to make 20,000 match heads, enough fat for 10 bars of soap, enough iron to make a two-inch nail, enough sulphur to rid a dog of fleas and enough glycerine to explode a naval shell.

It all comes gift-wrapped in 20sq ft. of skin.

—HARVEY KIRK, WEEKEND



Robert Redford as Woodward and Dustin Hoffman as Bernstein in Warner Bros'. "All The President's Men" on the Watergate episode

Watergate Proves Money-Spinner For Many People

A lot of people made money on Watergate—bad guys, good guys, little guys, chiefs.

They all learnt, as Mr. Richard M. Nixon told Mr John W. Dean in another context, that cash "could be gotten."

Mr. Nixon, of course, got it from television Others got it by being lawyers, lawyer-authors, pr ncipals-turned-writers, reporters-turned-authors, movie makers, and even sellers of Bourbon with the magic word "Watergate" on the label.

In the five years since five burglars were caught in the act on June 17, 1972, Watergate has become an American growth industry. Watergate may not have the American way, but the profit made on it was.

Estimating the size of the take is a productive as trying to pry the identity of "deep throat" from Bob Woodward and Carl Bernstein. Suffice it to say that it's in the tens of millions of dollars.

The 1976 eddition of the 'books in print' has 53 entries under the heading of Watergate, The List is not complete because, for example, the biggest hard-cover seller of them all—Wood ward and Bernstein's "The Final Days"—is listed in a different catagory.

Both book and authors earned the Nixon judgement of 'trash', but sold 630,000 copies in hard-cover, an achievement that a spokesman says was nothing short of phenomenal. Woodstein's first book 'All The President's Men" sold 280,000 copies in hardcover and 4.62 million in paperback.

At royalty rates that ran to 15 percent, in the best seller catagory, plus movie rights, both report rs became millionaires as well as models for youngsters jamming journalism schools.

"Blind Ambition," John Dean's confessional written after he served his prison term, sold 223,600 copies at last listing. Leon Jaworski, giving the prosecutor's side, hit the best seller lists with 205,000 copies of "The Right and the Power", CBS reporter Dan Rather, writing about Nixon's "Palace Guard," racked up a paperback sale of 1.038 million.

Strange Love

A second-year law student, Miss Morakot Dirananont, distressed by the loss of two of her family's cats, shot herself through her heart on Tuesday (July 5) a Thai daily reported in Bangkok. The cats were given away by her father to somebody.

—Times of India

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Alcoholics Galore

Swiss economists say the damage alcoholism did their country last year ran into a tenth of the national budget, or 1,346,213,000 Swiss francs. The authors of a treatise entitled "The Economic Aspects of Alcoholism in Switzerland" contend that the country has 130,000 alcoholics, with, incidentally, a total of 400,000 dependants.

No Slump Here

Ordine Pubblico, the bulletin of the Italian policemen's union, reports that in 1976 there was 28 per cent more robberies in Italy than in 1975, with bank robberies showing a 31.5 per cent and post office robberies, a 76 per cent increase. As a result 59 people were killed and another 116 injured. The police apprehended 1,495 robbers and captured more than 11,000 firearms, about a thousand hand grenades and 6. 6 tons of explosives.

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"Hero"

Ronald Biggs, one of the 1963 British Great Train Robbers, though sentenced to a 30-year-term, is still at large, 12 years after his "fantastic jailbreak" thriving in Rio de Janeiro. The lurid press accounts of his adventures have made him almost a hero in many British eyes. Some time ago the crew of a British naval frigate visiting Brazil invited him aboard. He came, had a drink and a chat with the seamen, and calmly went ashore. "Not only should Biggs not have been on board, he should not have been allowed a duty-free drink at the expense of the Exchequer," a Member of the Parliament complained.

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Blinkers Needed

U. S. Film star Roy Rogers, hero of many Westerns, said recently that he wouldn't ever let his horse Trigger, that is, if the animal were still alive, see the films now made in the U. S. A., so filthy and morbid are they.

For The Week 17th July To 23rd July 1977

GLOSSARY

Arudra	—திருவாதிரை
Pushya	—பூசம்
Ashlesha	—ஆயில்யம்
Purva Phalguni	—பூரம்
Uttara Phalguni	—உத்திரம்
Anuradha	—அனுஷம்
Jyeshtha	—கேட்டை
Purva Ashada	—பூராடம்
Uttara Ashada	—உத்திராடம்
Shravana	—திருவோணம்
Dhanistha	—அவிட்டம்
Satha Bhishag	—சதயம்
Purva Bhadra-pada	—பூரட்டாதி
Uttara Bhadra-pada	—உத்திரட்டாதி

MESHA (ARIES)
Aswini Bharani
Krittika 1/4

FAVOURABLE period to implement your programme. You can expect encouragement from your superiors. You will be able to solve some of the long standing problems this week end. Financial position will improve. Speculative gains are also indicated. Health will be well maintained. Family members will be cooperative. Matters relating to children could be finalised favourably. Property matters requires attention. Change of place is indicated for some. Fovourable days : 22nd & 23rd.

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VRISHABA (TAURUS)
Krittika 3/4 Rohini
Mrigashirsha 1/2

YOU are passing through one of the best periods. You will be able to start new ventures. Promotional possibilities are bright. Change of place is indicated for some. Financial position will improve. But avoid speculative investments for some more time. You can expect cooperation from your family members. Property matters could be finalised favourably. Matters relating to brothers and sisters require attention. You may have to undertake a journey shortly. Health will be well maintained. Favourable days: 18th & 19th.

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MITHUNA (GEMINI)
Mrigashirsha 1/2 Arudra
Punarvasu 3/4

FAVOURABLE period to implement your plans. You can expect cooperation and encouragement from your superiors Financial position will be satisfactory. Speculative gains are also indicated. Any investment made in the real property will give good return. But you should consult your seniors before finalising the matter. You will be hearing from a person with whom you have lost contact ome time back. Health requires ttention. Favourable days: 1st & 22nd.

KATAKA (CANCER)
Punarvasu 1/4 Pushya
Ashlesha

YOU are passing through one the diffi ult periods. But the position will improve slightly at the end of the week. Change of place is indicated for some. Property matters should be handled properly to avoid complications later. Avoid friction with superiors. Financial position will improve from the middle of this week. But avoid speculative investments for some more time. Also avoid long distance journeys. You can not expect much encouragement from your family members. Favourable days : 19th & 20th.

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SIMHA (LEO)
Maka Purva Palguni
Uttara Palguni 1/4

YOU have to wait for some more time to implement your programme. It will take some more time to get complete relief from the pressure of work. You can not expect quick returns for the efforts you were making for the last six months. But you will be able to reap the benefits later. Short journeys are indicated. Family members will be cooperative. Matters relating to children could be finalised. Favourable days : 22nd & 23rd.

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KANYA (VIRGO)
Uttara Palguni 3/4 Hastha
Chitra 1/2

FAVOURABLE period to implement your plans. Financial position will be satisfactory. Speculative gains are also indicated. Partnership matters could be finalised. But you should be cautious in dealing with strangers Business will improve. Promotional possibilities are bright. But you should avoid arguments with co-workers. Change of place is indicated for some. Family members will be cooperative. Matters relating to children could be finalised. Favourable days : 21st & 22nd.

THULA (LIBRA)
Chitra 1/2 Swathi
Visakha 3/4

MIXED results are indicated. You will be able to solve some of the long pending problems. But you should be prepared for important changes in office. Avoid friction with superiors. There is not much change in the financial position but the situation will improve by the end of this week. Partnership matters could be finalised. Family members will be cooperative. Matters relating to children could be finalised favourably. Favourable days : 21st & 22nd.

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VRISCHIKA (SCORPIO)
Vishakha 1/4 Anuradha
Jyeshtha

MIXED results are indicated. Financial position will improve. But avoid speculative investments. Family members will be cooperative. Matters relating to children could be finalised. Partnership matters should be handled properly to avoid complications later. Also avoid friction with associates. You may have to undertake a journey shortly. Property matters require attention. Favourable days : 19th & 20th.

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DHANUS (SAGITTARIUS)
Mula Purva Ashadha
Uttara Ashadha 1/4

MIXED results are indicated. You should be able to solve financial problems this week. You will be able to find a new source of income. Family members will be cooperative. Matters relating to children could be finalised favourably. Health requires attention. Business will improve. Partnership matters could be finalised. If you have not changed the residence recently, you may have to shift to some other place in the near future. Favourable days : 18th & 19th.

MAKARA (CAPRICORNUS)
Uttara Ashadha 3/4
Shravana Dhanistha 1/2

FAVOURABLE period to implement your plans. Business will improve. Partnership matters could be finalised favourably. Financial position will be satisfactory. But avoid speculative investments for some time. Also avoid long distance journeys for some more time. Health requires attention. Family members will be cooperative Matters relating to children should be handled properly to avoid complications. Some legal problems are indicated. Favourable days : 22nd & 23rd.

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KUMBHA (AQUARIUS)
Dhanishta 1/2 Sathabhishag
Purva Badrapada 3/4

YOU will be able get some relief from family responsibilities. Financial position will be satisfactory. Speculative gains are also indicated. You will be able to expand your business. You should try to diversify your business activities to find new sources of income Matters relating to children could be finalised favourably. Short journeys are indicated. Property matters should be handled properly to avoid complications later. Favourable days : 18th & 19th.

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MEENA (PISCES)
Purva Badrapada 1/4
Uttara Badrapada Revati

MIXED results are indicated. You have to wait for some more time to implement your plans. Financial position will be satisfactory. But avoid speculative investments for some more time. You are still under pressure of work and responsibility. You can expect considerable relief from the end of this month. You should not take hasty decisions. You should consult your seniors before finalising important matters. You may have to undertake short journeys. You can expect cooperation from your family members. Matters relating to children could be finalised favourably. Favourable days : 20th & 21st.

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Janata Lacks Cohesion...

have the grace to call on the ailing Sheikh, Mr. Desai had dinner with the Mir Waiz. And as in Tamil Nadu and West Bengal, such tactics rebounded on the Janata and the Sheikh is firmly entrenched in power.

If the Janata leaders had been grossly insensitive in regard to electoral alliances, they are even more so in respect of ministry-making. The party has been voted to power with huge majorities in the Hindi region and the public have every reason to expect that a compact and able Ministry would be installed in office soon. It is nearly three weeks since the results were declared but in at least two States, Bihar and Madhya Pradesh, the Ministry-making has not been completed while in Uttar Pradesh and Rajasthan there is considerable resentment among the members of the former Congress (O).

M.P. AFFAIRS

Mr. C.B. Gupta described the strong-arm tactics of the BLD-Jan Sangh combine in Uttar Pradesh as short-sighted and unimaginative at every stage. The Chairman of the State Parliamentary Board, Mr. Muzaffar Hassan, has denounced the exclusion of certain groups, notably the Congress (O) from the Government.

In Bhopal, Mr. Javar Singh and four other former Socialists have refused to join the Kailash Joshi Ministry. Mr. Singh submitted his resignation 10 days ago and this is yet to be accepted by the Chief Minister. The President of the MP, Janata Unit, Mr. Yamuna Prasad Shastri a former Socialist, has spoken in terms of a convention of former Socialists and even the formation of a new political party.

In Bihar, the supporters of Mr. Satyendra Narayan Sinha, a former Congress (O) leader, have declined the invitation of the Chief Minister, Mr. Karpoori Thakur, to join the Government. Mr. Sinha was defeated by a margin of 60 votes in a straight contest with Mr. Thakur, but he says that in Bihar it is the tradition that the losing faction should get representation in the Cabinet in proportion to its strength.

He polled 84 votes as against Mr. Thakur's tally of 144 and he wants a little more than one-third of the Cabinet seats to be given to his followers. A proposition which Mr. Thakur has rightly rejected.

INDISCRETION

At the national level too, discipline is conspicuously absent. The Minister for Health, Mr. Raj Narain's tantrums are well known but on one occasion the Prime Minister had to apologise to the Lok Sabha after he made certain remarks which hurt the feelings of members from the non-Hindi-speaking States. But Mr. Narain was unrepentant.

The Congress Government had decided a year ago that officials owning houses in Delhi should vacate Government accommodation. The Minister for Works and Housing, Mr. Sikander Bakht, has reversed this policy without reference to the Cabinet. And the controversy over the proposals to revise the industrial policy could have been easily avoided if only there had been some semblance of co-ordination among the Cabinet Ministers and between the Government and the organisational wing.

Even with the most effective consultations between different constituents or the Government and the party, the policy-making process is bound to be tough. After all, as one commentator noted, it is impossible to synthesise the ideologies of Gandhi, Marx, Mao, the old-time Nehru or the later-day Socialist. But there is no reason why the Government cannot function in an orderly manner or why the Ministry should be in danger of degenerating into a mere caboodle.

—Narayan Swami in Deccan Herald

CLEVER KID!

Teacher: What number is "Trousers; singular or plural?

A Clever Student: Sir, It is singular at the top and plural at the bottom.

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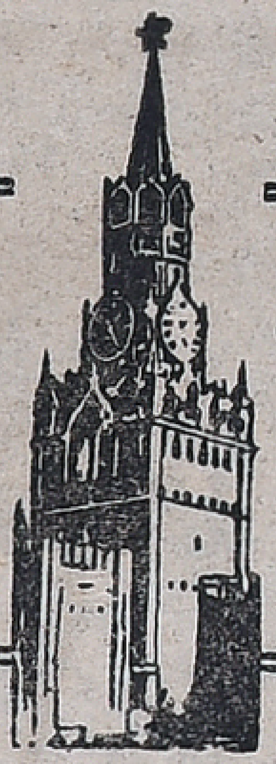
REALLY HARD UP!

One W.A.C. was hard up. So, when she received a brassiere as a gift from a soldier, she wrote to him without thinking: 'I wish you had sent the money. I'm flat busted."



Muscovite's Diary

Ivan Ivanov

L. I. BREZHNEV MEETS HEADS OF DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS

It was a gathering of heads of Diplomatic Missions accredited in Moscow, whom, the other day, Leonid Brezhnev, the General Secretary of the CPSU Central Committee and President of the Presidium of the USSR Supreme Soviet had received at a reception held in Kremlin.

Brezhnev spoke to them and expressed his sincere gratitude for their congratulations on his election as President of the Presidium of the USSR Supreme Soviet, conveyed him by the Canadian Ambassador, the Doyan of the Diplomatic corps.

Brezhnev took the opportunity to tell the Ambassadors that the Soviet Union will always be an active participant in any negotiations or any international action aimed at developing peaceful cooperation and strengthening the security of peoples.

Brezhnev said: "There is no such country or people in the world, in fact, with which the Soviet Union would not like to have good relations.

"There is no such topical international problem to the solution of which the Soviet Union would not be willing to contribute;

"There is no such seat of military danger in the removal of which by peaceful means the Soviet Union would not be interested;

"There is no such type of armaments and, first of all, of weapons of mass destruction which the Soviet Union would not be ready to limit, prohibit on the basis of reciprocity in agreement with other states, and thus to remove it from the arsenals".

"It is our belief, our firm belief, said Leonid Brezhnev, "that realism in politics and will to detente and progress will ultimately triumph and mankind will be able to step into the twenty-first century in the conditions of peace stable as never before. And we shall do all in our power to see it come true".

"In a word", noted Leonid Brezhnev, "a lot depends on you, Ambassadors, in building an atmosphere of friendship or good will, of greater or lesser confidence in the relations between your respective countries and the Soviet Union. Of course, in discharging your important mission in the Soviet Union you will always meet with assistance of the Presidium of the USSR Supreme Soviet and the Soviet Government."

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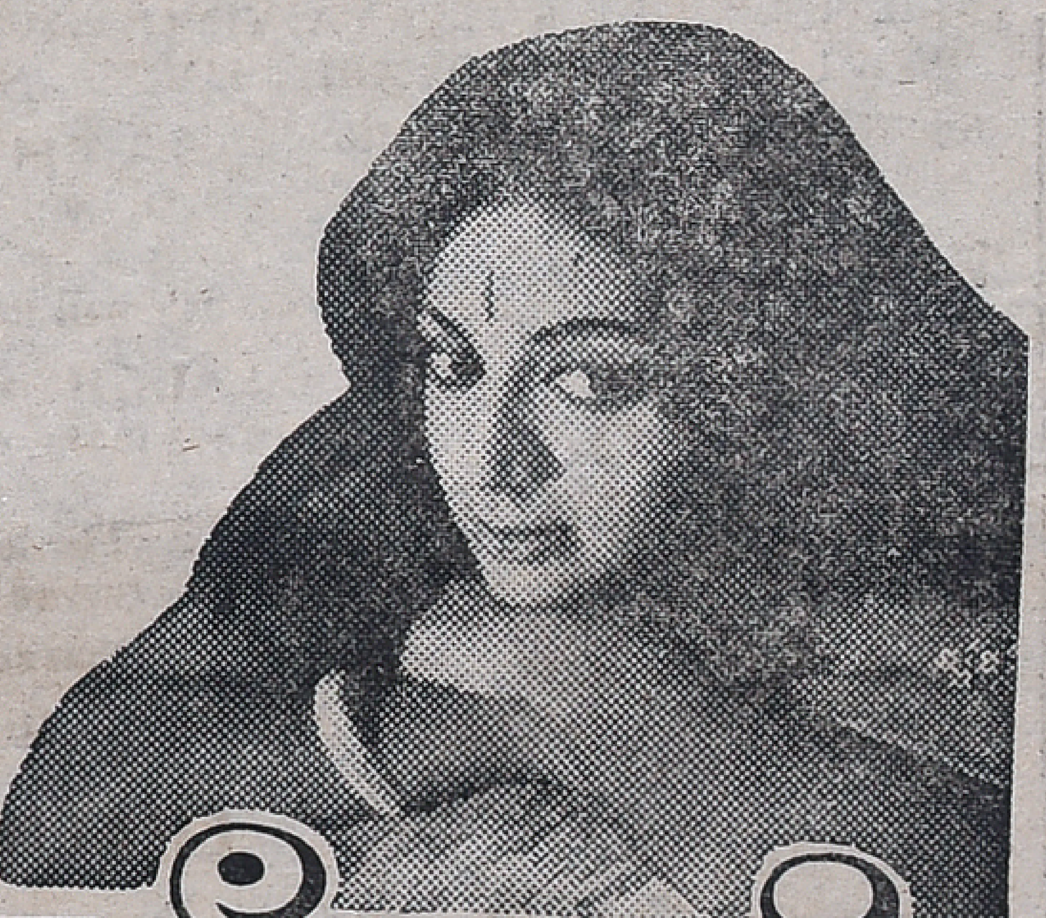

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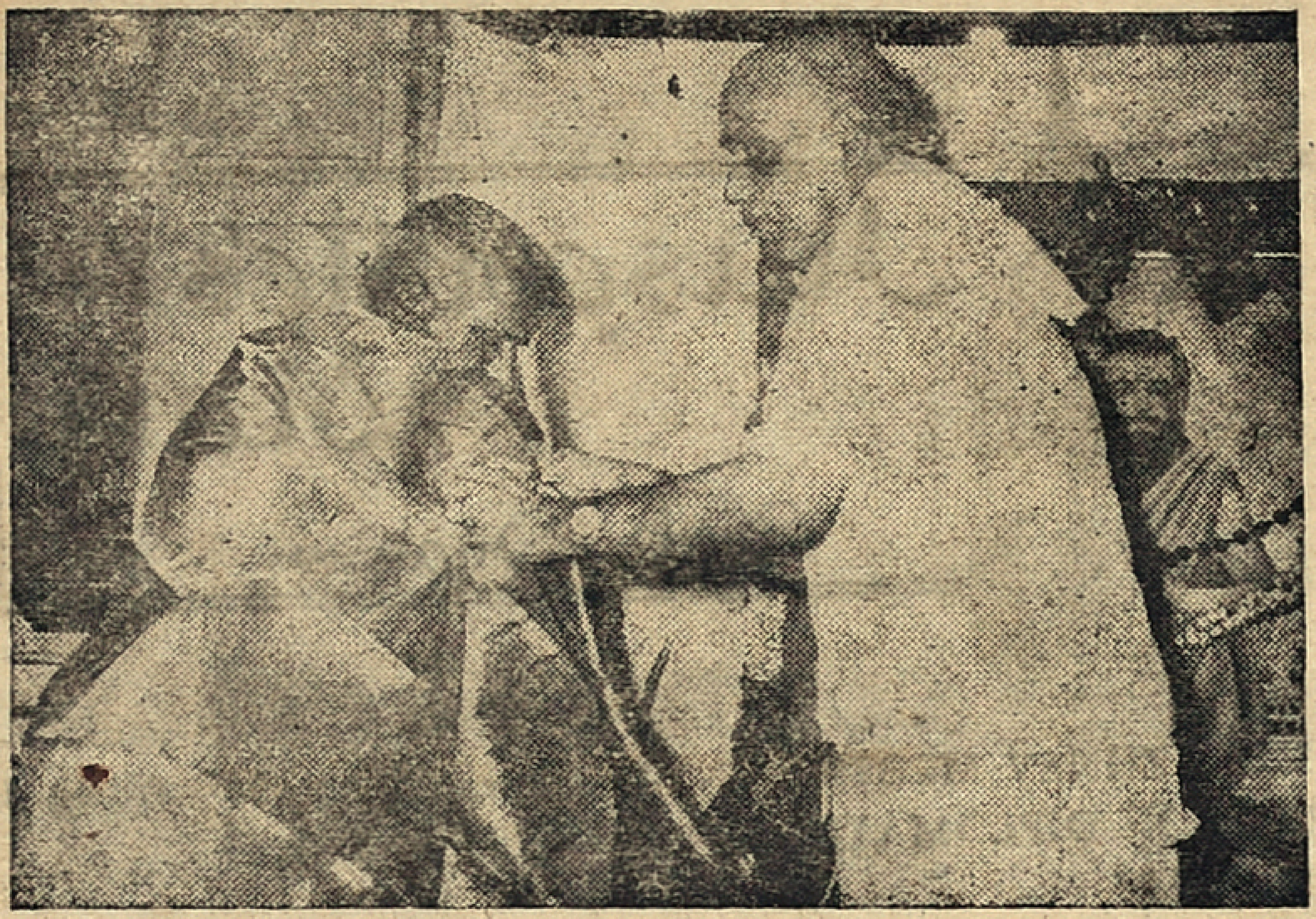
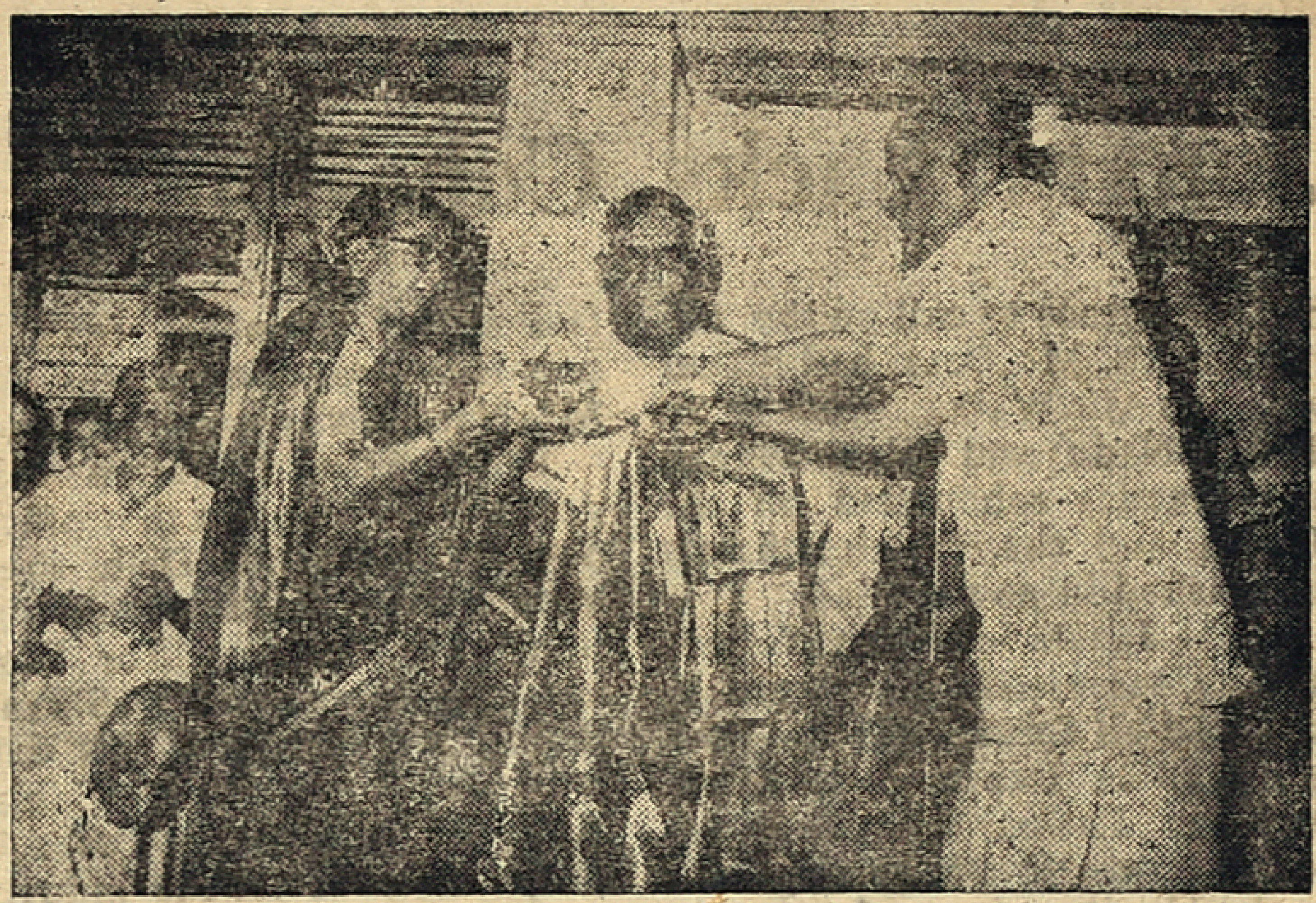


Sri Krishnaswami Reddiar presenting PONNADAI to Sri Ekambaram.



Sri Krishnaswami Reddiar presenting a SILK SAREE to Smt. Lakshmibai Ekambaram.

Sri Arunagirinathar Vizha At Tambaram

THE Thirteenth Annual Arunagirinathar Vizha organised by the Adiyar Thirukkoota Iraipani Mandram, Tambaram, was celebrated on July 3, at "Naveen Ilam," Tambaram.

Sri S. Sowmianarayanan, Retd. News Editor, All India Radio, Madras, inaugurated the celebrations in the immediate presence of Sri Pithukuli Murugadasa.

The Music session of the celebrations began in the afternoon with Thiruppugazh song recitals by the students of Thiruppugazh Isai Classes run by the Mandram followed by group singing by the ladies of Sri Vallimalai Swamigal Thiruppugazh Mandram, Tambaram, Saidai Thevaram Natarajan, Kumari Umasaraswathi, Smt. Lalitha, Sri Somasundaram, Pallavi Narasimhachariar, Srirangam T R Kannan and Thiruppugazh Bhajan by the members of Madras Adiyar Thirukkootta Iraipani Mandram led by Dr. P. S. C. Mani.

In the evening session, presided by Sri Justice N. Krishnaswami Reddiar (Retd. Judge of the Madras High Court), Sri T. Ekambaram, President of the Tambaram Adiyar Thirukkootta Iraipani Mandram, was honoured by his friends and admirers for the invaluable service he has been rendering for the past several years in popularising Thiruppugazh songs by conducting free classes for children as well as adults and conducting Bhajan parties to pilgrim centres every year.

On behalf of the celebrations committee Sri S. Sowmianarayanan requested Sri Krishnaswami Reddiar to present a *PONNADAI* to Sri Ekambaram and a *silk saree* to Smt. Lakshmibai Ekambaram, Sri Reddiar paid rich tributes to Sri Ekambaram for his selfless and unstinted service and deep devotion to Lord Muruga and Sri Arunagirinathar.

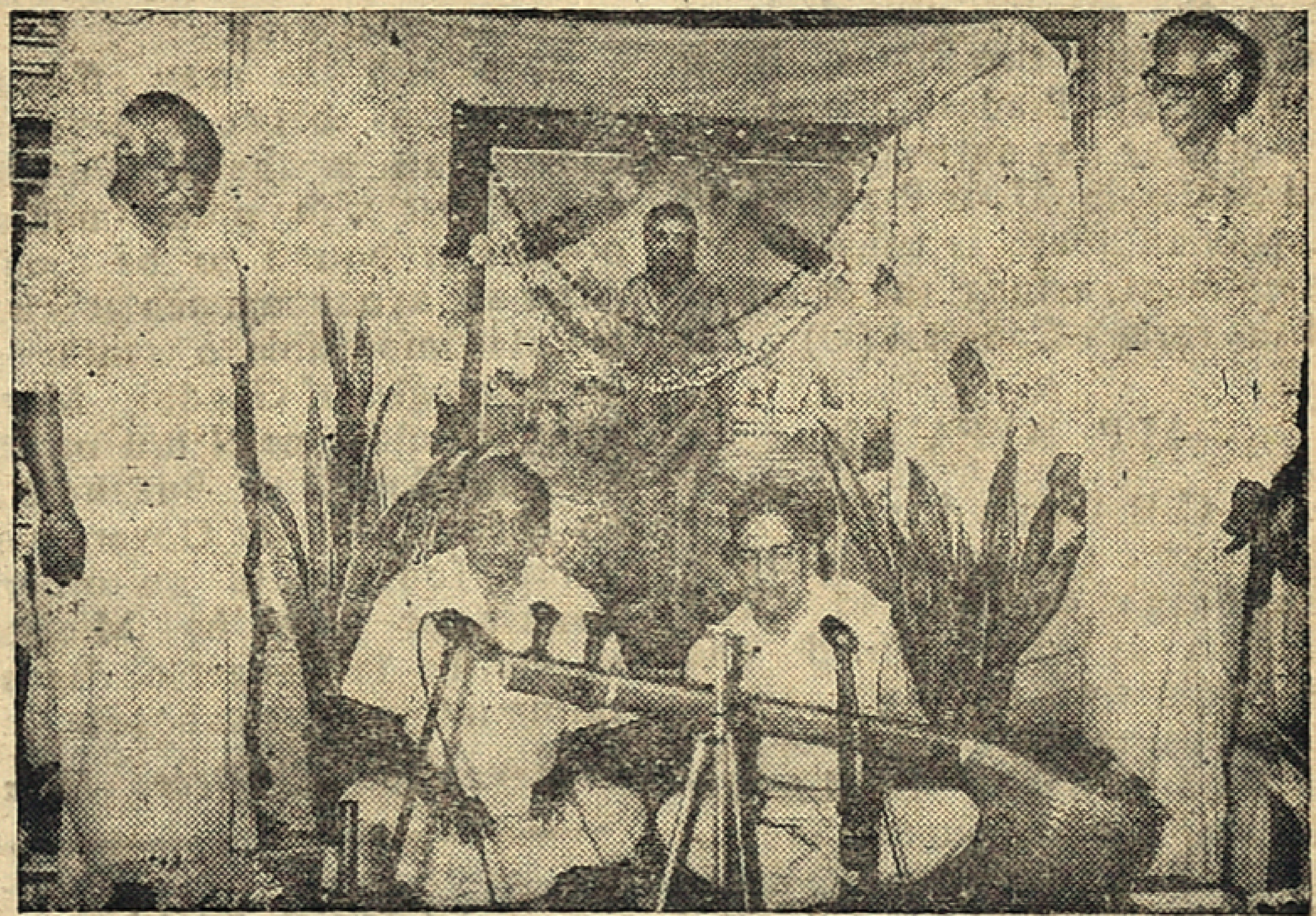
Sri Reddiar also conferred on him the title *ASTHIKA SIGAMANI* and gave him the scroll on behalf of Sri Mi. Pa. Somasundaram, who could not be present on the occasion. Sri Gayathri Swamigal presented him a *TAMBURA* in appreciation of his high proficiency in rendering Thiruppugazh songs.

Sri K. S. Nagarajan, Principal, D. B. Jain College, Sri T. M. Dhanapal, Sri Muthulinga Reddiar, Sri Murugadasa, Pallavi Narasimhachari, Sri V. S. Balasundaram, Dr. P. S. C. Mani, Sri Gayathri Swamigal and others paid glowing tributes to Sri Ekambaram.

Earlier Sri K. Krishnamurthi Reddiar welcomed the guests. Messages received from Sri Balamuruganadimai Swamigal of Ratnagiri, Dharmapuram Adhinam, Sri Krupananda Variar, and others were read on the occasion.

Sri G. Sriramulu Naidu, Sri Sundaram and Sri T. R. Kannan provided the Mridangam, Ganjira and Harmonium accompaniments for all the musical concerts during the function.

The celebrations concluded with the rendering of 'Muruganama Ganamrutha Bhajanavali" by Sri Pithukuli Murugadasa.



Sri Ekambaram, Sri Krishnaswami Reddiar, Sri Gayathri Swamigal and Sri S. Sowmianarayanan.

Sri Ekambaram receiving the scroll conferring the title ASTHIKA SIGAMANI on him from Sri Reddiar.

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